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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the office action dated 8/11/2005, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

Claims 12, 19-29, 31, 33-40 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 12, 19-29, 31, 33-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Maymon* (US 5,582,464) and *Preston* (US 3,520,563).

Maymon discloses a chair for use by persons with spinal cord injury; see col. 1, lines 7-9, where it is explicitly stated that the chair is for paraplegics and quadriplegics. The chair has a seat 40 that is mounted on a vertically adjustable post 44 connected to base 10. A chair back 60 is connected to the base 10. A front support 90 is attached to the seat 40. The chair back 60 and the front support 90 have curved sidewalls 63, 64; 94, 95 to provide

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